and vitamin A solutions under the Scheme of Prophylaxis against nutritional anemia among mothers and children and Prophylaxis against blindness due to Vitamin A deficiency. The quantity of these items purchased and the cost thereof durng 1988-89 s annexed. (See Statement below).

(e) and (f) The Report of the Expert Committee is under consideration of the Ministry.

Statement

Item	Quantity	Cost
Iron & Folic Acid—Large	176 Crore tablets	Rs. 1,96,84,442.00
Iron & Folic Acid—Small	238 Crore tablets	Rs. 1,16,02,975.00
Liquid Iron . . .	56 lakhs bottles of 100 ml.	Rs. 1,62,85,348 00
Vitamin 'A' solution .	8 lakhs bottles of 100 ml.	Rs. 1,87,86,600.00

Economic Programmes in the Central Plan

2189. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Planning Commission has not approved economic programmes in the Central Plan for 1989-90 for the shortage of funds;

(b) if so, what were the main programmes that were being considered by the Central Government during 1989-90;

(c) what is the reaction of the Planning Commission in clearing these projects and how many of those have been cleared so far; and

(d) by when the action plan for its implementation is liely to take effect?

THE MINISTER OF PLANNING AND THE MINISTRY OF PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI): (a) No, Sir. The economic programmes for various projects under the Central Ministries were discussed in depth and suitable outlays were approved.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

(d) The implementation of action plan for various projects for which outlays were approved would take effect from the beginning of the financial year, 1989-90.

Launching of Satellites

1190. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is Government's programme for Launching of Satellites during the next three years; and

(b) whether Government have sought foreign assistance, financial of technical in these proposed ventures?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) The programme for launching of

satellites during the next three years is given below:—

(i) Launching of INSAT-ID by US Delta Launch Vehicle under a commercial launch agreement.

(ii) Launching of SROSS Satellite by indigenous Augmented Satellite Launch Vehicle D-3.

(iii) Launching of Engineering Model of IRS by indigenous Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle D-1.

(iv) Launching of INSAT-II Test Spacecraft-I by Ariane Launch Vehicle under a commercial launch agreement.

(v) Launching of IRS-IB by a Soviet Launch Vehicle under a commercial launch agreement.

(b) No foreign assistance, either financial or technical, has been sought for these programmes.

Marketing of Oral Rehydration Salts not conforming to WHO Formula

2191. SHRI DHARANIDHAR BASUMATARI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that certain drug companies are marketing Oral Rehydration Salts not in accordance with WHO formula;

(b) if so, the names of those companies and reasons for the same;

(c) what are the details of the formula prescribed by WHO;

(d) what steps have been taken by Government to implement the same;

(e) whether it is a fact that the Oral Rehydration Salts are being sold at very high price; and

(f) if so, the reasons thereof and what steps have been taken by Government in consumers interest?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) and (b) Certain manufacturers are marketing Oral Rehydration Salts, the composition of which are not strictly in accordance with World Health Organisation Formula. Non-WHO Formula however is also marketed in developed countries and is official in British Pharmacopoeia '88.

Information received from 60 manufacturers, licensed by State Drug Control Authorities reveals that 48 manufacturers follow WHO Formula and 12 follow non-WHO formula. Names of the Companies manufacturing Oral Rehydration Salt not in accordance with WHO formula are annexed. (*See* statement below).

(c) Details of Oral Rehydration Salts, formula prescribed by WHO are as under:—

	grams/liters	
	Formula	Formula
Sodium Chloride .	3.5	3.5
Potassium Chloride	1.5	1.5
Sodium Bi-carbonate	2.5	..
Sodium Citrate .	..	2.9
Anhydrous Glucose .	20.0	20.0

(d) Government allocates money to States/UTs for buying ORs (WHO Formula) for the Diarrhoeal Disease Control Programme.

(e) and (f) The prices of medicines including Oral Rehydration Salts are monitored by the Bureau of Industrial Cost & Prices under the Ministry of Industry as per the norms laid down under the Drugs Prices Control Order.